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REMARKS

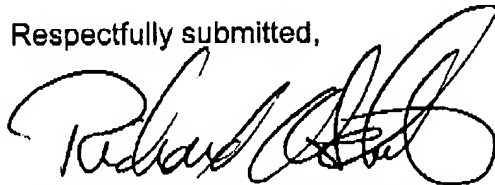
In accord with the telephone conference between Examiner Mai and Richard Schuth of August 27, 2004, the Applicant hereby explicitly traverses the Office's finding that claims 47, 48, and 51 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Nakato et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,436,175) in light of Park et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,045,610). However, in order to expedite the issuance of claims 49-51, claims 47, 48, and 51 are being cancelled from the immediate application and will be pursued in a continuation application. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 49-51 will be pending in the application.

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CONCLUSION

Claims 49-51 have been amended and satisfy the requirements for patentability, pursuant to the Examiner's comments in the August 4, 2004 Advisory Action and during the August 27, 2004 Telephone Conference. As such, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued for these claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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